

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:       | Paul V. Cooper                     | Docket No.:     | 023438.00041     |
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| TITLE:           | COUPLINGS FOR MOLTEN METAL DEVICES |                 |                  |

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner:

Applicant objects to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance provided in the prosecution history of this case to the extent that it may give rise to reasoning that is inconsistent with the proper scope of the claims. The Examiner's statement does not include at least (1) all the differences in the claims not found in the prior art of record and (2) all the reasons why such differences are considered to patentably distinguish over the prior art.

Claim construction requires each claim to be taken as a whole. Patentability of each claim is imparted by each claim as a whole. No portion of any claim is to be construed as more important for patentability than any other portion.

Applicant asserts that each claim is allowable because all statutory requirements have been met, including, *inter alia*, the absence in all art of record of the same inventions, as claimed, or any disclosure, teaching or suggestion (explicit or implied) that would render the claimed inventions obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art.

Respectfully submitted,

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